

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A mixture, comprising potassium fluoride ~~an alkali metal fluoride or an alkaline earth metal fluoride or a mixture of both~~ and 2% by weight or less of pyrogenic silicic acid

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The mixture of claim 9, characterized in that it contains from 0.2 to 2% by weight of pyrogenic silicic acid, relative to the total weight of the mixture.

12. (Previously Presented) The mixture of claim 9, characterized in that it contains from 99 to 99.8% by weight of potassium fluoride and from 0.2 to 1% by weight of pyrogenic silicic acid, each relative to the total amount of the mixture.

13. (Currently Amended) A process for the manufacture of the mixture of claim 9, comprising mixing (A) potassium fluoride ~~a dried alkali metal fluoride or a dried alkaline earth metal fluoride or a mixture of both~~ and (B) 2% by weight or less of pyrogenic silicic acid, relative to the total weight of the mixture.

14. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 13, wherein the potassium fluoride ~~dried alkali metal fluoride or the dried alkaline earth metal fluoride or the dried mixture of both~~ is obtained by spray drying of a solution, comprising the potassium fluoride ~~alkali metal fluoride or the alkaline earth metal fluoride or the mixture of both~~.

15. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 14, wherein the spray drying is carried out at an inlet temperature in the range of from 300 to 600°C and an outlet temperature of from 130 to 190°C.